

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to make Railway Protection Force more effective in view of constant increase in the cases of thefts, robbery and murders; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Policing being a State subject, maintenance of law and order and control of related crime on railway premises including running trains is the responsibility of the State Governments which they discharge through their respective Government Railway Police. As regards the Railway Protection Force which is intended for the security and protection of railway property, various measures are being taken from time to time to modernise the force and to make it more efficient by equipping it with modern equipments, vehicles, arms and ammunition and training aids.

[English]

Financial Assistance from International Organisation for Research

5381. SHRI S.B. THORAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total financial assistance received from various International Organisations for medical research during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the financial aid likely to be received therefor during the next three years along with the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any such proposal/project form Maharashtra seeking financial assistance from the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Cobalt Therapy Units

5382. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the number of Cobalt Therapy Units set up during the last three years for treatment of cancer patients, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Role of Women in Communal Harmony and National Integration

5383. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference on the role of women in maintaining communal harmony and national integration has been held at New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details with objectives of such Conference;

(c) whether the Government propose to draw programmes to involve women actively